

## **Frequently Asked Questions for the Student Tablet Requirement for OU-COM's incoming Class of 2013:**

OU-COM's Class of 2013 students will be issued a tablet computer directly through OU-COM. Tablet computers will be distributed to the Class of 2013 at orientation. **DO NOT purchase a computer prior to attending school!** Students who qualify for a disability under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) may submit a written request describing their need to purchase a specialized computer. Please submit written request to Brian Phillips, OU-COM, 340 Building 20 The Ridges, Athens, OH 45701, by May 1, 2009.

### **What is the cost to the student and how will it be charged?**

At this time, the exact cost of the Windows PC tablet computer has not been determined. OU-COM will only charge the student the actual cost of the tablet. The maximum cost of the system will be limited to \$1,800. The cost of the tablet will be charged to the students' account in three equal payments during their first year.

### **What are the benefits of uniform computers and configuration?**

Uniformity in computers allows the college to support a standardized learning platform for all academic programs through all four years of the undergraduate medical education. When students transition to CORE sites in year 3 and 4, commercial support services local to that CORE base hospital will continue to provide support based on warranty service contracts negotiated by OU-COM.

### **Description of the tablet:**

- Swivel /fold tablet screen that is touch sensitive to a stylus that acts like a mouse and pen. The displayed image can be horizontal or vertical.
- Carrying case.
- Inking software that allows one to write/draw directly on MSOffice files (Word, PPT, E-mail and Excel) as well as other selected files (JPG, PDF, HTML) and save the inking on that file.
- Handwriting to text conversion software that allows conversion with 80% accuracy.
- Note organizing software that assists in organizing the annotated files and retrieving them with efficiency.
- Complete Microsoft Office productivity tools as provided through current university license contracts.

Note: Individual faculty may have software requirements in addition to the basic academic tools. If you are planning on using a personal printer, a wireless or USB interface is recommended.

### **Configuration of tablet can be viewed at the following url:**

<http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/it/TabletPC.htm>.

### **What other items must be purchased, and what is recommended?**

Printing is available in OU-COM's Learning Resource Center. Students can add money to their printing/copying account and use OU-COM's resources for this need. If a student wishes to print at home, they will need to obtain a USB printer on their own, a wireless or USB interface is recommended.

### **What happens if the tablet malfunctions?**

While the students are on campus during years 1 & 2, OU-COM Technical Services Office, located at **138 Grosvenor Hall (740-593-2169)**, will provide warranty service work. Students are responsible for the data stored on their computers. OU-COM strongly recommends backing up data stored on the tablets. The college will not be responsible for any data lost during repair or servicing of systems. The tablet will have a 4 year warranty. Student tablets in years 3 and 4 will be serviced according to the manufacturer's warranty.

### **What if the student leaves OU-COM?**

If the OU-COM student is no longer registered, the student will have the option to return the tablet to OU-COM; or, pay the unpaid balance of the tablet. Once full payment has been received, the tablet is the property of the student.

### **Comments from OU-COM students using tablet computers:**

#### ***Improved note taking.***

- “The tablet allowed me to take notes on digital lecture materials as the lecture happened.”
- “The note taking was very helpful, but being able to add to the diagrams was the most helpful out of all the features.”
- “I really liked the ability to write on the PowerPoints for OMM as well as draw on the figures and label them as the professor was talking.”
- “As I was reading the PowerPoints for the week, I would add notes in the margin and also draw in certain graphs to go along with what the teacher was presenting.”
- “I continued to use the tablet PC for all of my notes. I save all of the PowerPoints onto the hard drive, and during class I will take notes on the PowerPoints and review them later in the evening.”

#### ***Improved sharing.***

- “I liked the convenience of having a screen that could turn so I could show my group members pictures from my reading without having to draw it out.”
- “I thought it was really helpful to be able to handle the laptop so freely with the ability to rotate it and use it, especially to show figures in groups after copying, pasting and enlarging them on my screen.”
- “I also use it for all research in groups. I search MDCConsult for the appropriate topic, print it to OneNote, and then highlight and mark figures.”

#### ***Improved exam review.***

- “It was really helpful to study for the finals while looking at notes I had taken earlier during the lectures throughout the quarter on the PowerPoint.”
- “I have also used the tablet to pull up old PowerPoints that I need to study from, and taken notes on the slides.”
- “I have used OneNote quite often to draw out the various pathways, etc., that I am studying right now.”

#### ***Saves time and paper.***

- “It was definitely quicker to use this than a regular laptop during a lecture setting.”
- “I believe that this has helped to concentrate my study time.”

- “It cut down the amount of paper that I used.”
- “I was able to download a lecture that was not printed out nor available before the start of class, but the lecture PowerPoint was uploaded within 5 minutes of the lecture start so I didn’t need a paper version of the PowerPoint.

**Questions?**

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